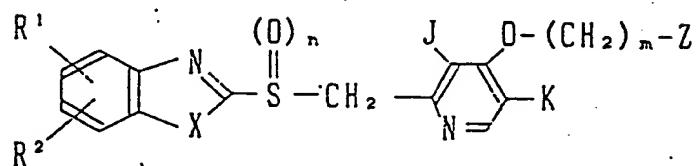


What is claimed is:

1. A pyridine derivative represented by the general formula:



wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  may be the same or different from each other and each stand for a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogenated lower alkyl, lower alkoxy carbonyl or carboxyl group or a halogen atom;

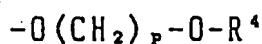
$X$  stands for a group represented by the formula:

$-O-$ ,  $-S-$  or  $-N(R^3)_3$  (wherein  $R^3$  stands for a hydrogen

atom or a lower alkyl, phenyl, benzyl or lower alkoxy carbonyl group);

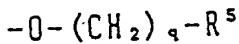
$Z$  stands for

① a group represented by the general formula:



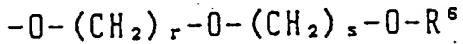
wherein p stands for an integer of 1 to 3 and R<sup>4</sup> stands for a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group,

② a group represented by the general formula:



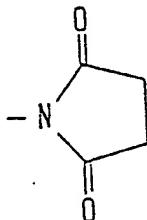
wherein q stands for an integer of 1 to 3 and R<sup>5</sup> stands for a halogen atom or an alkoxy carbonyl, aryl or heteroaryl group,

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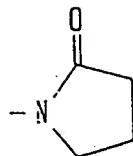


wherein r and s each stand for an integer of 1 to 5 and R<sup>6</sup> stands for a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group,

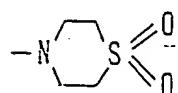
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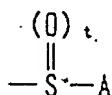
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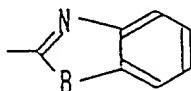
⑥ a group represented by the formula:



⑦ a group represented by the general formula:



wherein t stands for an integer of 0 to 2  
and A stands for a group represented by the  
general formula:



(wherein B stands for a group represented  
by the formula: -NH-, -O- or -S-), a lower  
alkyl, alkoxy carbonylmethyl, pyridyl or  
furyl group or a group represented by the  
general formula: